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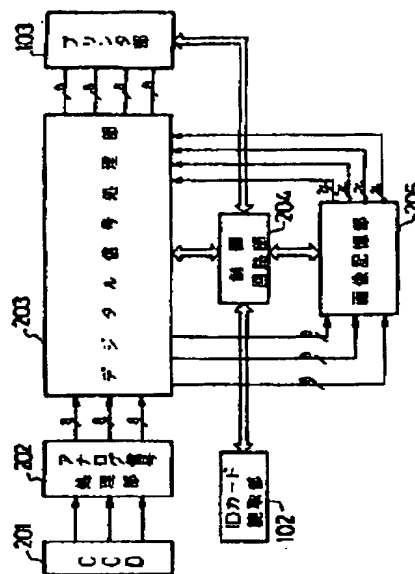
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TITLE : IMAGE COPIER



**ABSTRACT :** PURPOSE: To make it possible to secure confidential information in an image copier by installing a user identification management means for storing image data in a memory unit and, at the same time, deleting stored image data in the case one other than those authorized uses the stored image data.

**CONSTITUTION:** When a user's ID card is inserted in either an ID card reading section 102, a control circuit section 204 compares user management codes written in the control circuit section 4 with a user management codes newly inserted in the ID card reading section 102, and if their user management codes are different from each other, deletes image data stored in an image memory section 205. If their codes coincide with each other, a recopy display lamp on an operating section lights up to indicate that image data stored in the image memory section 205 can be outputted again as copy image. With this, securing confidential image of original is made possible.

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